

POU RULES OF ENGAGEMENT – DECISION MATRIX

ACTION	POU Member		POU Section Commander		POU Commander		Major Incident Commander(s)		Strategic Commander(s)	
Rule of Engagement	A	I	A	I	A	I	A	I	A	I
POU Soft Tac Level Deployment	I		I		A		I		I	
POU Intermediate Level Deployment	I		I		I		A		I	
POU Hard Tac Deployment	I		I		I		A		I	
Shield / Baton Strike	A		I		I		I		I	
MK-9 (OC spray)	A		I		I		I		I	
Muzzle blast – OC /CS/ Smoke (ARWEN/ Gas Gun)	I		A		I		I		I	
Muzzle blast – OC /CS/ Smoke (ARWEN/ Gas Gun) – Exigent Circumstances	A		I		I		I		I	
Extended Range Impact (ARWEN)	I		A		I		I		I	
Extended Range Impact (ARWEN) – Exigent Circumstances	A		I		I		I		I	
Distraction Device Grenade (Mini Bang/ Tear Ball(CS))	I		I		I		A		I	
Distraction Device Grenade (Mini Bang/ Tear Ball(CS)) Exigent Circumstances	I		A		I		I		I	
Hand Held Grenade (M.A.D.)- (CS/OS/Smoke)	I		I		I		I		A	
Extended Range launched Grenade (CS/OS/Smoke)	I		I		I		I		A	
Passive Arrest	I		I		I		A		I	
Small Scale Arrest (1-3)	I		A		I		I		I	
Medium Scale Detention/Arrest (4-10)	I		I		I		A		I	
Large Scale Detention/Arrest (11+)	I		I		I		A		I	
POU Intervention Tactic *	I		I		I		A		I	
Light- Medium ORT	I		I		I		A		I	
Direct Action Device Operation – Heavy ORT	I		I		I		A		I	
LRAD Use	I		I		I		A		I	
Dispersion of Crowd – Unlawful Assembly /Riot	I		I		I		I		A	
Active Killer / Mass Casualty	I		A		I		I		I	

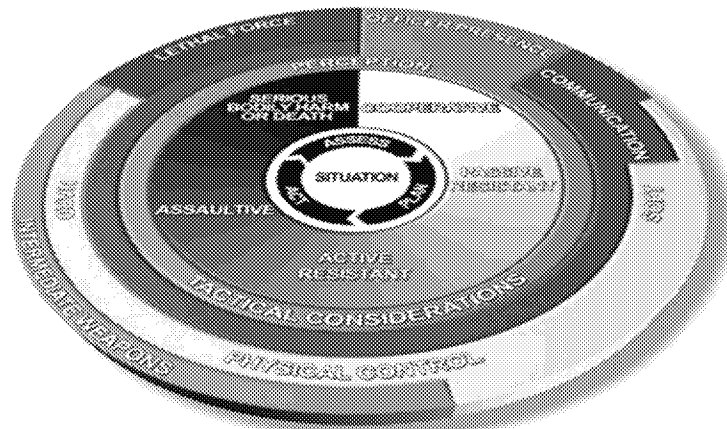
A – AUTHORIZED / I – INFORMED

Exigent Circumstances: Imminent risk to life or of serious injury

(*) – POU Intervention Tactic: Cordon, Channeling, Denying, Clearing wave, Breaking Contact

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USE of FORCE – General



The officer continuously assesses the situation and selects the most reasonable option relative to those circumstances as perceived at that point in time.

As per the Ontario Police Services Act, Regulations 926, all police officer (including Public Order Unit Members) performing active duty shall have an up to date Use of Force qualification within the last 12 months.

Notwithstanding the Rules of Engagement Chart, every officer will be accountable for any and all use of force in the execution of his/her duty. There will be an expectation that Public Order Members shall follow a gradual application of force when involved in crowd management proportionate to the situation and exercise personal restraint to avoid an escalation in response. Clear communication to public will be used in all circumstances where practicable prior to the use of any force in crowd management circumstances.

Notwithstanding whether an arrest is affected or not as a result of the use of force, any officer using any level of force on an individual(s) shall make notes as to the circumstances, including the behaviors/actions demonstrated and full description/identity of the individual(s) on who the force was directed. This will be required for follow up investigation and possible future prosecution.

Every officer who draws their firearm in the presence of the public; discharge any firearm; use of any weapon, or improvised weapon other than a firearm on another person; or use physical force on a person that results in an injury to that person requiring medical attention shall complete a Use of Force Report prior to the end of duty.